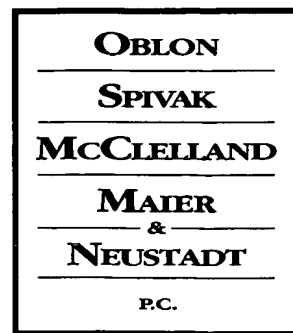




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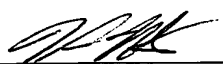
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Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated June 12, 2006, Applicants elect, with
traverse, Group I, Claims 21, 22 and 25, for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 21, 22 and 25, drawn to a method for producing osteoclast
precursor cells from joint fluid; and

Group II: Claims 42-44, drawn to a method for producing osteoclast precursor
cells from peripheral blood mononuclear cells without producing
osteoclasts.

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In regard to Groups I and Group II, the Office has characterized the relationship
between these groups as being "two different methods... comprising different active steps of
culturing different cells and/or different cell fractions as claimed and, therefore, the claimed